

Treasury, transmitting proposed legislation relative to United States participation in, and appropriations for the United States contribution to, the Global Agriculture and Food Security Program, a multi-donor trust fund administered by the World Bank; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6536. A communication from the Surgeon General, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the National Prevention, Health Promotion and Public Health Council's 2010 annual status report; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6537. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, annual reports relative to the category rating system for the Department of Justice; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6538. A communication from the Director of the Office of Personnel Management, transmitting proposed legislation relative to amending chapter 89 of title 5, United States Code, to clarify Federal court jurisdiction over the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6539. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting proposed legislation entitled "Veterans Benefit Programs Improvement Act of 2010"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

#### PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-124. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Louisiana urging Congress to pass the New Alternative Transportation to Give Americans Solutions Act of 2009 (H.R. 1835 and S. 1408); to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

##### SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 14

To memorialize the United States Congress to take necessary actions to promptly consider and pass the New Alternative Transportation to Give Americans Solutions Act of 2009 (H.R. 1835 and S. 1408) and to urge each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation to express their support for the Act by becoming a cosponsor.

Whereas, located in Desoto Parish, Louisiana, the Haynesville Shale is the largest natural gas field in the continental United States; and

Whereas, the Haynesville Shale holds approximately two hundred and fifty-one trillion cubic feet of recoverable natural gas; and

Whereas, drilling and recovery technology allows natural gas to be utilized in an environmentally safe and economically viable manner; and

Whereas, domestic gas is the only resource that can replace imported gasoline and diesel as a transportation fuel; and

Whereas, Congress is currently considering the New Alternative Transportation to Give Americans Solutions (H.R. 1835 and S. 1408) which provides incentives to move cars and light trucks as well as heavy-duty trucks from imported gasoline or diesel to domestic natural gas and encourages development of engines that reduce emissions, improve performance and efficiency, and lower cost; Therefore be it

*Resolved*, That the Legislature of Louisiana memorializes the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to

promptly consider and pass the New Alternative Transportation to Give Americans Solutions Act of 2009 (H.R. 1835 and S. 1408) and to urge each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation to express their support for the Act by becoming a cosponsor; and be it further

*Resolved*, That a copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted to the secretary of the United States Senate and the clerk of the United States House of Representatives and to each member of the Louisiana delegation.

POM-125. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Louisiana urging Congress to consider recommendations to amend the Stafford Act regarding disaster recovery in Louisiana; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

##### SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 96

To memorialize the Congress of the United States to consider recommendations to amend the Stafford Act regarding disaster recovery for Louisiana.

Whereas, the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina and subsequent national disasters has brought extensive criticism of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act ("Stafford Act") as an inadequate and ineffective legal standard for federal response to a national disaster that causes population displacement and significant damage to property and infrastructure, and that overwhelms the capacities of state and local governments to achieve recovery; and

Whereas, such criticism is in part a reaction to the provisions of the Stafford Act which do not require any action remotely approaching a comprehensive, centralized, and integrated disaster mitigation, response, and recovery program with massive resources that can only be provided by the federal government; and

Whereas, such criticism is in part a reaction to the provisions of the Stafford Act which delegate the responsibility for recovery to state governments and establish a bureaucratic process for state requests for federal assistance, which have led to confusion and inaction, with essential assistance delayed and in many instances pleas for help being ignored; and

Whereas, such criticism is in part a reaction to the provisions of the Stafford Act which create neither an individual right to assistance nor a process for governmental accountability, thereby leaving people with few avenues of legal recourse for disaster relief; and

Whereas, such criticism is in part a reaction to provisions in the Stafford Act that do not address the specific material and humanitarian needs of people struggling to restore their lives and communities; and

Whereas, the Katrina Citizens Leadership Corps ("KCLC") has embarked on a course of developing policy recommendations for amending the Stafford Act to achieve effective disaster mitigation, response, and recovery; and

Whereas, the KCLC report, What It Takes to Rebuild a Village after a Disaster: Stories from Internally Displaced Children and Families of Hurricane Katrina (July 2007), presents the recommendations for a national disaster standard that support the fair and equitable restoration of lives and communities harmed by a national disaster; and

Whereas, the KCLC, U.S. Conference of Mayors, United States Senate Homeland Security Committee, and Internal Displacement Project of Brookings Institution make recommendations that can support unified work to improve the current legal standard for addressing the country's response to a national disaster: Therefore be it

*Resolved*, That the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the Congress of the United States to consider recommendations to amend the Stafford Act regarding disaster recovery in Louisiana; and be it further

*Resolved*, That a copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted to the secretary of the United States Senate and the clerk of the United States House of Representatives and to each member of the Louisiana delegation to the United States Congress.

POM-126. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Louisiana urging Congress to remove the financial eligibility requirements for patients stricken with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis to be approved to receive Medicaid; to the Committee on Finance.

##### SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 23

To memorialize the Congress of the United States to remove the financial eligibility requirements for patients stricken with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis to be approved to receive Medicaid.

Whereas, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, or ALS, is better known as "Lou Gehrig's disease"; and

Whereas, ALS is a fatal neurodegenerative disease characterized by degeneration of cell bodies of the lower motor neurons in the gray matter of the anterior horns of the spinal cord; and

Whereas, the initial symptom of ALS is weakness of skeletal muscles, especially those of the extremities; and

Whereas, as ALS progresses, the patient experiences difficulty in swallowing, talking, and breathing; and

Whereas, ALS eventually causes muscles to atrophy, and the patient becomes a functional quadriplegic; and

Whereas, research indicates that military veterans are at a fifty percent greater risk of developing ALS than those who have not served in the military; and

Whereas, ALS does not affect a patient's mental capacity, so that the patient remains alert and aware of his loss of motor functions and the inevitable outcome of continued deterioration and death; and

Whereas, on average, patients diagnosed with ALS only survive two to five years from the time of diagnosis; and

Whereas, ALS has no known cause, means of prevention, or cure; and

Whereas, there can be significant costs for medical care, equipment, and home health caregiving later in the disease; and

Whereas, many families deplete their life savings attempting to pay for the care of their loved ones; and

Whereas, the financial burden associated with ALS for American families is enormous: Therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Legislature of Louisiana memorializes the Congress of the United States to remove the financial eligibility requirements for patients stricken with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis to be approved to receive Medicaid; and be it further

*Resolved*, That a copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted to the secretary of the United States Senate and the clerk of the United States House of Representatives and to each member of the Louisiana delegation to the United States Congress.

POM-127. A joint resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Colorado recognizing the bravery and sacrifice of the crew of the U.S.S. Pueblo and designating January 23rd each year as "U.S.S. Pueblo Day"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

##### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 10-1007

Whereas, The U.S.S. Pueblo was originally launched as a United States Army cargo ship

in 1944 but was transferred to the United States Navy and renamed the U.S.S. Pueblo in 1966; and

Whereas, The U.S.S. Pueblo was named for the city of Pueblo, Colorado, and the county of Pueblo, Colorado, and was the third ship in the naval fleet to bear the name Pueblo; and

Whereas, After leaving Japan in early January 1968 on an intelligence mission, the U.S.S. Pueblo was attacked by the North Korean military on January 23, 1968; and

Whereas, According to United States Naval authorities and the crew of the U.S.S. Pueblo, the ship was in international waters at the time of the attack; and

Whereas, One crew member of the U.S.S. Pueblo was killed during the attack, and eighty crew members and two civilian oceanographers were captured and held for eleven months by the North Korean government; and

Whereas, This year marks the forty-second anniversary of North Korea's attack on the U.S.S. Pueblo and her crew; and

Whereas, The U.S.S. Pueblo is still in commission in the United States Navy, but continues to be held by the North Korean government and is currently a museum in Pyongyang, North Korea: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved, by the House of Representatives of the Sixty-seventh General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the Senate concurring herein:*

(1) That we, the members of the General Assembly, recognize the bravery and sacrifice of the crew of the U.S.S. Pueblo; and

(2) That we take pride in the fact that the U.S.S. Pueblo bears the name of a city and a county in Colorado, and, therefore, the citizens of Colorado should be aware of the incident that occurred with the U.S.S. Pueblo forty-two years ago; and

(3) That we hereby designate January 23 each year as "U.S.S. Pueblo Day" as a day to remember and honor the brave crew of the U.S.S. Pueblo; and be it further

*Resolved, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent to President Barack Obama, Governor Bill Ritter, Jr., President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate Robert C. Byrd, Speaker of the United States House of Representatives Nancy Pelosi, and the members of Colorado's congressional delegation.*

## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico:

S. 3564. A bill to promote the potential of women in academic science, technology, engineering, and mathematics; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself and Mr. KYL):

S. 3565. A bill to provide for the conveyance of certain Bureau of Land Management land in Mohave County, Arizona, to the Arizona Game and Fish Commission, for use as a public shooting range; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself and Mr. ROCKEFELLER):

S. 3566. A bill to authorize certain maritime programs of the Department of Transportation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 3567. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at

100 Broadway in Lynbrook, New York, as the "Navy Corpsman Jeffrey L. Wiener Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. NELSON of Florida (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 3568. A bill to amend the Trade Act of 1974 to create a Citrus Disease Research and Development Trust Fund to support research on diseases impacting the citrus industry, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. NELSON of Florida:

S. 3569. A bill to improve the ability of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to respond to releases of subsea oil and gas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

## SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. Con. Res. 68. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the United States Postal Service should issue a commemorative postage stamp honoring civil rights workers Andrew Goodman, James Chaney, and Michael Schwerner, and the "Freedom Summer" of 1964, and that the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee should recommend to the Postmaster General that such a stamp be issued; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

## ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 653

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the names of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) and the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) were added as cosponsors of S. 653, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the bicentennial of the writing of the Star-Spangled Banner, and for other purposes.

S. 850

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 850, a bill to amend the High Seas Driftnet Fishing Moratorium Protection Act and the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to improve the conservation of sharks.

S. 984

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 984, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for arthritis research and public health, and for other purposes.

S. 1286

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. BAUCUS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1286, a bill to amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to allow children in foster care to be placed with their parents in residential family treatment centers that provide

safe environments for treating addiction and promoting healthy parenting.

S. 1353

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1353, a bill to amend title 1 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to include nonprofit and volunteer ground and air ambulance crew members and first responders for certain benefits.

S. 1425

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. FRANKEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1425, a bill to increase the United States financial and programmatic contributions to promote economic opportunities for women in developing countries.

S. 1481

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the names of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) were added as cosponsors of S. 1481, a bill to amend section 811 of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act to improve the program under such section for supportive housing for persons with disabilities.

S. 1553

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1553, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the National Future Farmers of America Organization and the 85th anniversary of the founding of the National Future Farmers of America Organization.

S. 1619

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1619, a bill to establish the Office of Sustainable Housing and Communities, to establish the Interagency Council on Sustainable Communities, to establish a comprehensive planning grant program, to establish a sustainability challenge grant program, and for other purposes.

S. 2725

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2725, a bill to provide for fairness for the Federal judiciary.

S. 2743

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. JOHANNES) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2743, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for the award of a military service medal to members of the Armed Forces who served honorably during the Cold War, and for other purposes.

S. 2772

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) was added as a